

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SERVANT LEADERSHIP AT ITS BEST

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, the best examples of effective community leaders are those individuals that work diligently in the background, not seeking attention or glory for themselves, but those who consider positive results more important than personal recognition.

Mrs. Carolyn McCarty of Kingwood, TX, is an example of such an individual. She is a silent oak of strength and volunteer service in her community. She is the daughter of Albert and Lorena Wilson and was born in Batesville, AR where she grew up on a small farm. She graduated from Arkansas College with a master's degree in history and a minor in speech.

She has lived in Kingwood for more than 30 years and has been an active community volunteer in many organizations including the Kingwood FFA Booster program, served as a member of the Humble Citizens Police Academy and is currently a member of the Humble Citizens Police Academy Alumni.

Her community involvement over the years has earned her several prestigious recognitions including the Yellow Rose of Texas award from then-Governor George W. Bush and the Presidential Volunteer Service Award from former President George H.W. Bush.

February 20, 1997 was recognized as Carolyn McCarty Day by the city of Humble, TX. She was also one of the 1998 Women of the Year in Human Services issued by Family Time Crisis and Counseling Center.

Mrs. McCarty has been employed in the Humble area for many years. During the 4 years that she worked at North East Medical Center Hospital, she started the Northeast 55+ activity program for seniors. Since then, she has worked for the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce for the past 12½ years and is currently the committee coordinator.

Even though she has been recognized with many awards, she would probably tell anyone that her greatest accomplishment is her family. She has been married to her husband Rush McCarty for 44 years; has three children, Kevin, Shannon, and Tom; and eight grandchildren. Her list of volunteer efforts would not be complete without including her active involvement in the lives of her three children throughout their elementary, middle and high school activities.

I am honored to recognize Mrs. Carolyn McCarty today for her contributions to her family, her community and her country. She is a shining example of servant leadership and her humble spirit is an inspiration to us all.

And that's just the way it is.

## INDIA BUGGED BLAIR'S HOTEL ROOM

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, on August 3, India-West reported that during former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's visit to India shortly after the 9/11 attacks, the Indian regime bugged Prime Minister Blair's hotel room. According to the article, they didn't do a very good job of it, either.

India-West reported that Prime Minister Blair's associate, Alistair Campbell, wrote in his book that Blair's people found the bugs but decided not to make a fuss about them. According to India-West, Campbell writes that "On his way to the hotel, Blair asked the then British High Commissioner in India if the car was bugged only to receive a 'kind of noncommittal no.'" Campbell also describes the discovery of two listening devices in Prime Minister Blair's hotel room. Campbell reported that the bugs couldn't be removed "without drilling the wall," so Mr. Blair simply used a different room. He also writes about a valet named Sunil who was there wherever Campbell went. "I was beginning to wonder whether he had been put there either by spooks or by a paper," Campbell wrote.

Madam Speaker, this is an outrage. The fact that India feels the need to spy on a democratic leader who is fighting the same war on terror that India claims to support shows that India's sympathies do not lie on the side of the Free World. It also shows that India's claims to be a democracy ring hollow. Perhaps they can hear their claims ring hollow in one of their listening devices.

Those claims are further belied by India's ongoing repression against Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, and other minorities. We all know that India has murdered more than a quarter of a million Sikhs, over 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, more than 90,000 Muslims in Kashmir, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, and tens of thousands of other minorities such as manipuris, Tamils, Bodos, Assamese, Bengalis, Dalits, et cetera. We all know of the tens of thousands of political prisoners. Harassment and false arrest are common. Some Sikh activists were arrested for making speeches and raising a flag! Does that sound like democracy to you, Madam Speaker?

Why do we accept this? America is founded on the idea of freedom for all. There is something we can do about the tyranny in India. We owe it to the oppressed people there to stop our aid and trade with India (especially since more than 836 million people there live on less than 40 cents per day) and we should demand self-determination for the people of Punjab, Khalsitan, Nagalim, Kashmir, and all people seeking their freedom. Self-determination is the essence of democracy. Our actions can help bring real freedom and prosperity to all the people of the subcontinent. Let us do whatever we can.

[From the Times of India, Aug. 3, 2007]  
DELHI CLUMSILY BUGGED TONY BLAIR'S ROOM DURING 2001 VISIT

(By Rashmee Roshan Lall)

LONDON.—Indian intelligence clumsily bugged Tony Blair's hotel room in Delhi during the British prime minister's visit to India one month after the 9/11 attacks, his chief spin doctor Alastair Campbell has said.

In his newly published diaries released in India July 25, Campbell said Blair's entourage found the bugs but decided not to make a fuss. On his way to the hotel, Blair asked the then British High Commissioner in Delhi if the car was bugged, only to receive a "kind of noncommittal no." Campbell writes about Blair's passage to India on Oct. 5, 2001.

Later, he describes an "incriminating" discovery of two bugs in the British prime minister's hotel room.

"At the hotel, our security service guys had found two bugs in TB's bedroom and said they wouldn't be able to move them without drilling the wall, so TB used a different room," he wrote.

Campbell's revelations are probably the first time someone within the innermost circle of a British prime minister has openly accused the Indian authorities of bugging and dirty tricks. Campbell also claims in the diaries, titled "The Blair Years," that he too was probably spied upon by Indian intelligence, via the services of a "valet" named Sunil.

The "valet," says Campbell drove him "bananas everywhere I went, he was there. I was beginning to wonder whether he had been put there either by the spooks or a paper."

## TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF HAROLD (HAL) POTE

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I, along with my colleague, Representative BART STUPAK, Co-Chair of the Spina Bifida Caucus, would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life of Harold (Hal) Pote. Hal Pote, the founder and President of the Spina Bifida Foundation (SBF), passed away unexpectedly on June 26, 2007. Mr. Pote's dedication towards educating the public on the Nation's most common, permanently disabling birth defect has not gone unnoticed. We are deeply saddened by this loss and we know that many of our colleagues on Capitol Hill share these sentiments as well.

Spina Bifida develops during the first month of pregnancy when the spinal column does not close completely. Over 70,000 individuals in the United States currently live with Spina Bifida and it occurs in approximately seven out of every 10,000 live births. Mr. Pote began his campaign to increase awareness surrounding Spina Bifida when his nephew Gregory was born with this disabling condition almost 22 years ago. Gregory has undergone more than 20 surgeries, all of which Mr. Pote was there to support—and his dedication expands beyond his nephew as he was committed to ensuring that all individuals living with Spina

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